

# Post-Workshops Analysis Integrating Communications Units into NIMS/ICS

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# Background



- OEC developed a new offering as part of the 2011 TA program to provide a training workshop focused on addressing communications-specific needs during an operational period and on the requirements for the communications unit planning process for subsequent operational periods.
- Requested by several jurisdictions during the TA request period
- Identified as a common need during NECP Goal Two Planning
- PSIC worked with AZDOHS to utilize FFY09 IECGP Grant Funds

# Instructors / Locations

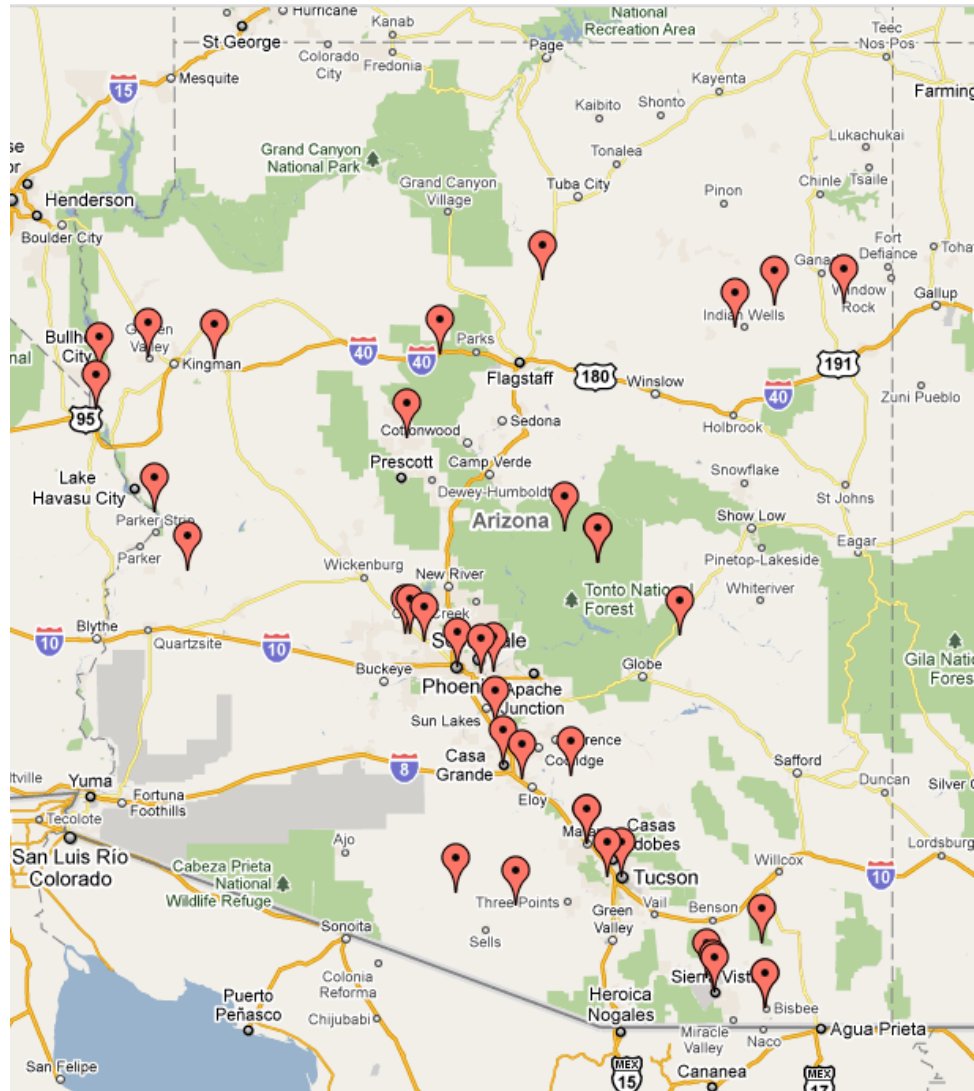


- Competitive bid awarded to SAIC and SEARCH
  - Michael Paulette, SAIC
  - Dan Wills, SEARCH
- Workshops
  - April 14, 2011 - Lake Havasu, AZ: Fire Station #2
  - May 11, 2011 - Payson, AZ: Payson Police Department Training Room
  - May 12, 2011 - Phoenix, AZ: Phoenix Fire Department Training Academy, Classroom #2
  - May 17, 2011 - Tucson, AZ: Pima Regional Training Center (PRTC), Classroom #1
  - May 18, 2011 - Sierra Vista, AZ: Fire Station #263

# Facts and Figures (Option 2)



- Registered: 221
- Attended: 133
- Broad Range of Disciplines & Positions
- Over 40 Jurisdictions Participated



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# Reviews



- *This was a great workshop. The information received was valuable in implementing our ICS Communications EOP and collaborating with our community partners, EMS, Police, Fire, transport, etc... for our inpatient unit in the community and evacuation exercises.*

Laura Morrison, RN, BSN,CHC  
Director Quality Management  
Banner Home Care/Hospice

- *It was a good class. I enjoyed it as a refresher to the COML class we had last year. Simply good stuff.*

Thomas M. Alinen  
Deputy Chief of Police  
Sierra Vista Police Department

# General Thoughts



- Proved valuable in assisting communities prepare for Goal 2
- Significant focus on development of IAP and ICS forms
- Did not focus as strongly as we would have liked on Communications Unit Integration
- Too much content to address in depth in a single workshop
- Differences between each workshop lead to differing experiences by participants
- Significant interest for communications focused workshops and trainings statewide

# Possible Next Steps



- Class materials and handouts are posted online
- Online video series from Lake Havasu workshop being considered
- PSIC customized workshops (perhaps half day) to be designed in the future (subject to resource availability) - for non-communications staff to better understand essentials of what communication staff can provide to them.
- Other Ideas????